

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

Have You Been Baptized With the Holy Ghost and With Fire?

If So, You Have Spoken with Other Tongues as the Spirit Gave Utterance, and Have Enjoyed the Wonderful Experience.

It is a solemn fact that very few, even professing Christians, know what we mean when we mention the Holy Ghost and emphasize the importance of receiving Him. In fact most people that have read and thought on this subject think of Him as a mere influence instead of a real person possessing the five senses similar to the human being.

The first history we have of Him is recorded in the first chapter of Genesis and the second verse. He is spoken of and referred to by the writers of the Bible at intervals from the beginning to the end. He has played His part in the drama of life from the beginning up to the present time and will continue His work right on in spite of all His opposers and their notorious oppositions.

Men and devils have arrayed themselves against Him and seemed determined to check His progress and efforts to reproduce the life of Jesus in God's children, but He continues His service, and works right on with no complaint or murmurings nor discouragement. Like the air He moves from place to place wherever He finds a vacancy that He can enter and fill by His presence. Like the heat of the sun He penetrates the very hardest and thickest walls and makes His presence felt.

The Holy Ghost is the third person in the great Trinity. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost. He convicts of sin, He guides through repentance, forgiveness and gives the signal or witness that the Father has forgiven sins for the sake of the Son. (John 16:8-11, Rom. 8:16.) He Applies the blood that sanctifies and cleanses the heart like the washer woman applies the soap and water that cleanses and makes white the clothes. (Heb. 13:13, Rom.

15:15.) After having cleansed the temple which is to be His home (1 Cor. 6:19), it is God's plan that He should be asked to give the Holy Ghost to abide or live in such a cleansed and purified life. (Luke 11:13).

While the command is given to receive the Holy Ghost, Yet the world cannot receive Him (John 14:7) for He is only given to those who have become reconciled to God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are His obedient children. (John 14:15, 16.) From the fact that people do not receive Him proves they are not obedient to the Lord for He gives the Holy Spirit to all them that obey Him. (Acts 5:32.)

In referring to the Holy Ghost and His reception several different terms are used by the different writers of the Book. He is referred to as the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of truth, the Comforter, etc.; and He is given by the Father, we are to receive Him, Jesus shall baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire, be baptized with the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost shall come upon you, etc. But it is all summed up in the one expression given by Jesus Himself when He said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." (John 20:22.) It is certainly in perfect harmony with the spirit of the Bible for us to come personally to every one and say, Receive the Holy Ghost!

As we want to remain in perfect harmony with Jesus and the apostles it is no wonder then that we ask people if they have received the Holy Ghost, or been baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire, for when Paul visited Ephesus probably for the first time he found some disciples there and the first thing he said to them was, according to the record, "Have ye received the Holy

Ghost since ye believed" (Acts 19:2). After having called attention to this bit of history I'm sure no one can justly take offence if I in this article appeal to you personally and ask you saying, Have YOU been baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire? (Math. 3:11.)

If you rightly consider this subject in connection with your personal interests, you will look upon me as your friend who wishes to do you good and encourage you to get a Bible experience. Many of you know that the Bible way is right, then if I insist on you measuring your life to the Bible I am not trying to do you any injury, to say the least. Whether you appreciate it now or not the time will come when you will be convinced that I am trying to do you a favor.

You have probably read from the wise sayings of Solomon where he declares that, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." If you will rightly consider it and be honest with yourselves you may decide that you have many times in your life been going in a way that only seemed right to you and you had no real evidence that you were right. You can continue on in this doubtful line if you wish, but it is my purpose to point you to a more satisfactory experience than that. There is contained in that Book that you profess to love certain information that every one ought to know, and without that certain knowledge you may find yourself in a perishing condition just at a time you least expect it for it is written, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I also will reject thee." (Hosea 4:6.)

We are trying to tell you about the Holy Ghost and it is to your interest to learn all you can about this great Personage and receive Him into your life that He may prepare you for the coming of Jesus and the judgment. After a proper consideration of the matter and your eternal interests, I'm sure you cannot take exceptions to the question that I wish to bring to each one personally in this article as I repeat, Have you been baptized

with the Holy Ghost and fire?

If you are about to answer this question in your own mind as you read, without due consideration, I wish to add, If so, you have spoken with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and have enjoyed this wonderful experience. If you have not spoken in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance you have not received the Holy Ghost. No one has ever been baptized with the Holy Ghost without speaking with other tongues, for He always speaks when He comes in. (John 15:26.)

On the day of Pentecost when the one hundred and twenty men and women received the Holy Ghost they all spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4.) At the house of Cornelius where the Holy Ghost fell upon all the company that was gathered together they all spake with other tongues. (Acts 10:46.) At Ephesus where the twelve men received the Holy Ghost under Paul's preaching they all spake with other tongues. (Acts 19:6.)

There is no room or reason for any caviling over this question for it is too plain to deny. No one will object to the Bible history of this subject. No real Christian who has a first class experience of salvation will object to people receiving the Holy Ghost and speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives them utterance as the Bible evidence of such an experience. There is no imagination about such an experience as this. It is real, and those who receive Him know it is real. This is what gives such confidence and boldness.

God with His infinite love and mercy has planned to give us the Holy Ghost who will teach us all things and guide us into all truth. (John 16:13, 14.) His wonderful plan for our benefit should be appreciated far above that which is usually shown by His children. There are special favors granted us who live in the last days above that of former times. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young

men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." (Acts 2:17, 18.) And this that you hear of in these days where the people speak in tongues is that Scripture fulfilled.

The Church of God Evangel stands for the perfect obedience to Jesus in all things and the fulfillment of Scripture. No one can afford to object to this even if it does lead them to accept some teaching that has been dormant for years because there was no one to advocate it. But God is now raising up hundreds and thousands to advocate the same gospel message delivered by the holy apostles. It will soon be said as of old, "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and conferring the word with signs following. Amen." (Mark 16:20.)

ROME, GA.

Bro. Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' Name. I am still praising the Lord for victory over sin. I praise the Lord for sending me to Georgia. I am pastoring four churches in Georgia and preaching for a fifth, which is at Lindale, every chance I have. There are sure some good folks at Lindale. The Lord is blessing here since I came from Madisonville, Tennessee, and several have received the Holy Ghost. Some of the Salvation Army folks have come in and received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Glory to God. Over at Armuchee the fourth Sunday in March we had the Lord's Supper and foot-washing and the Lord blessed wonderfully.

We are planning to buy a church house here already built, a good plastered house. We can buy it for \$525.00 cash. I ask the prayers of the saints that God will give us the means to buy it. I am glad I am in the Church of God where Jesus blesses and supplies.

Your brother in Christ,

W. A. Walker,

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ASSEMBLY BUILDING.

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ Jesus, which are scattered abroad:

Peace and love be multiplied. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.

I desire to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance of the act of the last Assembly in regard to the much-needed dormitories and auditorium for the use and benefit of the Assembly of the Church of God, and school where our young people can go and receive an education and be free from the contaminating influence that surrounds them in some parts of our country, where our young workers can go and be taught the deeper things of God and then go out to a hungry world filled with life and fire and power, yet tender, gentle and full of love, better qualified for the successful accomplishment of the work God has called them to do.

The demand is great; the time is short, the work ought to begin at once, but is delayed from the lack of sufficient funds to begin with.

Something must be done as the assembly is growing so rapidly that now the time has come for us to enlarge the place of our tent, and stretch forth the curtains, and lengthen the cords and strengthen our stakes, for we are breaking forth on the right hand and on the left. Many hungry hearts are looking this way for light and knowledge of the wonderful truths we are standing for.

We need your prayers and hearty cooperation on every line. Lay the matter before your people; take special offerings in cash, and pledges to be sent in later, and report same to our general overseer, who was selected by the committee to receive funds for this work.

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J. S. Llewellyn,

Chairman of committee.

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Thank God! Hallelujah!
Come on! Glory!

A REPORT.

To the Evangel Family:

Greeting in Jesus' Name. Praise His dear and holy Name. We are still in the battle for the Lord and feel encouraged to go on. I came here in December and set the church in order. Later we held a five days' meeting here and one brother received the Holy Ghost and nine followed the Lord in water baptism. The blessed old Church of God hoisted her little banner with sixteen members. Glory to God. Amen. One night we had the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet and He gave us a happy time. We go from here to St. Petersburg, Florida, and from there to Belleair, Florida. We have just arrived at this place and the devil is fighting so we are turned out of doors. A tent is needed. Pray much for us that God may get the glory.

Your servants,

Edm. S. Barr and Wife.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Greetings to the Saints.

I want to testify through this little paper that I love so well. I am a little girl eleven years old. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I praise God for keeping me from sin

these five years. I received a letter from a little friend in Florida and it made me think of the children's meetings we had there when so many children received the Holy Ghost, and I wish I could be there again. O how I would love to see all the girls and boys that received the Holy Ghost when I did. I hope they are still humble. I have persecutions at school but I have not gone back on account of them. I want all the dear saints of God to pray that I may keep humble at the feet of Jesus.

Your little sister in Christ,
Vivian Haworth.

Warrior, Ala.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I feel it would be pleasing to Jesus for me to write a few words of my testimony. I want all the dear saints to know that I am praising the Lord for what He has done for me. Praise His Name. I am saved and sanctified and I do praise Him for the deep sweet peace in my soul and for His healing power. He has healed my baby and I can't praise Him enough. Three months after I was saved and sanctified I was baptized with the Holy Ghost. I was in bad health and had been taking a dope for six years. I could not give it up. Also the doctors said I had consumption. I was baptized in water and joined the Church of God. Still I could not give up my dope. Finally I asked some of the saints to pray and I prayed day and night and I am still praying. God knows my heart for I would be so happy without it. When I asked them to pray it seemed to me they didn't want to, and I was so hungry to give it up that I really believed God would take it away. At last I got out of heart and lost my joy and I was turned out of the Church of God, but I have been renewed again.

Please pray for me that I may trust Him for both soul and body and that the Lord will help me to give up morphine and that my body might be healed.

Your hungry sister,
Mrs. Lula Burnham.

Gastonia, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' name—I want to praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I praise the Lord for healing me when I get sick. I was very sick last summer with lung trouble and the Lord wonderfully healed me. I do praise God for this won-

derful salvation and for the privilege of serving God. The way seems dark some times and I want you to pray for me for the enemy tries me hard some times.

Your brother in Christ looking for His soon coming.
Lester Walker.

Buhl, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' name—I do praise God for what he has done for me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, as Acts 2:4.

I praise God for healing my baby. It was almost gone and we called in the doctors and the Lord showed me He would take it if I did not trust Him and I threw the medicine in the fire and it was healed. I am trusting the Lord with my whole family. I am determined to go all the way with Jesus.

I was praying the other night and was lead by the Spirit to the corner of the room and the Lord came down and showed me several there, that if they did not turn, He would take them away unprepared. I saw several lights. I can't praise Him enough for what he has done for me. There were several came and gave me their hands to be prayed for; they said they would live closer to the Lord than they had ever before.

Pray for me that the Lord may give me more knowledge and do everything to please the Lord.

Pray for my husband that he may come to the Lord because He is still pouring out His Spirit here. There were three little girls came through speaking in tongues last week.

Yours under the blood of Christ,

Ida Burroughs.

Evansville, Tenn.

Dear Saints:

Greeting in Jesus' dear name—I have just been reading the dear Evangel and it fills my heart with the love of Jesus. I do not have the Holy Ghost but I have been praying for it. I once belonged to the baptist church. I have never heard pentecost preached but I have been reading the dear little paper and my Bible and I know it is the right way.

My husband is a sinner and my mother-in-law fights the way but I do pray that their eyes will be opened.

I have a dear mother who has gone to that land of pure delight, oh how I long to go there. Pray for me that I

may receive the Holy Ghost. I would give my life if I could just be one of those dear saints. It seems like the more I pray the colder I get. Oh God, what will I do? I long to be in one of the meetings that I may hear the true gospel preached.

Pray for me.

Mrs. Myrtle Crow.

Kimberly, Ala.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am praising God for baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, praise His name. He testified when He came in and still talks. I am so glad that I am ready and looking for the coming of Jesus with my lamp trimmed and burning, oil in my vessel and ready to meet the bridegroom when He comes. Glory to God for complete salvation through the precious blood of Jesus, bless His dear name. All the saints here at Kimberly are shouting and the devil is mad, hallelujah.

The apostle Paul in Col. 3:1-4, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, the shall ye also appear with him in glory."

May God bless all the dear saints. Pray for me that I may be humble at the feet of Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,

E. C. Caddell.

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E. L. Simmons,

Wimauma, Fla.

This is a worthy young man and he is making a good record where he goes. Don't fail to pray over this matter and obey the Lord.—Ed. 3t

How to Kill Your Church

By Sam C. Perry

Some have already found their church is powerless to accomplish the work needed in the town or community where they are located, and may not see the need of the above directions, but these directions may help them to see what brought them where they are.

If your church has lost its power there is certainly a reason for it, and you should seek out that reason and get rid of it at the earliest time possible. God wants each church to be a light house, a saving station, and to do this work to Bible perfection and success each member must keep on fire and at his post all the time. There is no time for loitering, no time for vacations, no time to waste, the work must go on steadily, continually.

We note below some things that will kill our churches and destroy their power for effective work for the Master:

1. Carelessness or indifference as to the affairs and needs of your church. Each individual should take an active interest in every feature of the work of his church. A few cannot furnish spiritual power for all, but each should do his part in prayer, praise and standing for the work. Nor should a few have to do all the paying, but each individual member should do his part faithfully, as though the success of the work were upon him. Thus your work will succeed as every man stands in his place. Those who just have to be dragged along by the prayers and efforts of others are of no value to the church.

2. Attending services only occasionally. We notice some who will show up very enthusiastically on Sunday night or at some special occasion and make a great display of themselves, and this will be the last you see of them for a while, at the regular prayer meeting and Sunday school services they are not to be found. We cannot believe that such worshippers are faithful in their daily life, if they were they would not forsake the assembling of themselves together. A church composed of such members would be a poor affair, it could not be depended upon. If you have been that kind of member, be so no more, but attend every service possible, even if it is rainy, cold or hot, God wants us to be found faithful.

3. Another very effective church killer is a few mem-

bers who are not strict about paying their debts, and have a few little outstanding accounts. Perhaps they borrowed a few dollars from some of their brethren, or owe some unsaved person, and they do not seem to be making an effort to pay up, never mention it. Their testimony and prayers will have a dry rattle to those to whom they owe. It really seems that they would think of this, and make an effort to pay up, or quit testifying so loudly one. We have seen some surprising cases of this kind.

4. If you have two or three members get cross with each other, so that they occasionally pray at each other or testify at each other in public service or prayer meeting, this will prove a good deadener for your work. No doubt many of my readers have seen it tried. We fail to see the good intention that prompts men to such conduct. It can result in evil only.

5. By all means have a few who can give a long dry testimony, that amounts to nothing for any one, but takes up the time, puts the people to sleep, drives the Spirit away from the meeting, thus paralyzing everything. A meeting brought under such influence is hard to revive. It would be better to keep the mouth of such testifiers shut if you could.

6. To the above add a few critics, who cannot tolerate anything that is not exactly to their liking. They will be easy to get out of humor and will be ready to "turn up their nose," frown or shake their head at so many things that they will easily drive some weak ones away or hinder honest seekers after truth. Such professors are a grief to the Spirit, but a special delight to Satan.

7. If you would like to make sure of the destruction of your work, you might take in at least one or two who determine to be leaders or "bosses" and undertake to run every thing their way without regard to the wishes of the body. You will need only one or two of this "rule or ruin" type.

Let us be sure to remember that if it is our desire to succeed for God and souls we want to beware of all the foregoing. They are certain wreckers.

"Church of God Sunday School" buttons, same price as above. Order of this office.

Cascilla, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Evangel Readers:

We are praising God for victory in Jesus' name and the great work that is going on here at Shady Grove. Glory to His precious name. How I thank God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. My wife and two daughters also have the baptism and we are trusting God for our healing and we so much feel the need of the prayers of every member of the dear old Church of God.

We thank God for sending dear brother Lemons and dear brother and sister Haynes here last September to lead us into the light of the Church of God, the ground and the pillars of the truth.

They set the Church in order with eighty-two members, and as they left us to go to other fields how we felt the need of a pastor, a real shepherd of the flock. We began to go down before God and ask Him to send us one, and the blessed Lord saw our needs and so wonderfully answered our prayers in sending us our beloved pastor, brother M. S. Haynes, and his dear family, praise His great name for we have found brother Haynes to be a real pastor and shepherd in every sense of the word. One who is not afraid to stand at the head and say as did Paul, "follow me as I follow Christ." Glory to the precious name of Jesus.

We are expecting wonderful things to happen this year as we have never seen such a unity and oneness of the saints as there is here just now. Every one seems to be determined to walk in the light and obey the Word, praise God. Pray for us here we intend to build a church at Shady Grove this year and if the Lord wills we are going to start a pentecostal school here sometime in the near future.

We are expecting brother E. Haynes and wife as soon as the weather gets warmer.

We are making preparations for a great work here this year—old Satan also is gathering his forces to battle but praise God, through the blood of Jesus we are more than conquerors. Pray for us.

Your brother in Christ,
H. S. Harris.

Key West, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson.

Greetings in Jesus' name—I want to tell of the good meeting we had at Marco and Chockoloskee where I have been called for pastor.

Some Things That Are Hurtful.

By J. W. Bucklew.

Our hearts are made sad as we come in contact with

some things among some of the members of the Church of God. Our evangelistic work has been hindered to a great extent for the last twelve months because of some little jealous spirits that have crept in. We have met letters of warning against us at some places stating that we would tear up the work. Now if one is not a worthy minister charges should be preferred against him and his credentials revoked and give reasons for so doing. Math. 18: 15-18.

We arrived at—a few days ago. Just about the time we got there a letter came warning the church against us not giving any reason for such an act. This divided the minds of the people. Math. 18: 15 says, "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." One so-called brother caught a few words from the writer and came on to—and began to spread it abroad and tattle until several souls were wounded.

Brethren these things ought not to be. We ought to love one another and not take up a reproach against a brother. We are stressing the tithe system, but it would also pay us to turn to Psa. 15: 3 and see

The Lord sure is blessing the saints at these places. We administered the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet and such leaping, jumping and dancing it was great even to the sinners. They said that the saints looked so happy it made them hungry for salvation.

Pray for me that the Lord will have His way with me at all times and that I may gather in souls for the Master and share His glory with all the laborers.

W. F. Hesson.

Sumner, Miss.

I am praising God for a full and free salvation that satisfies the longing soul; that giveth grace to the humble; that builds back the ruined places; that brings the sheep into the fold, bless His sweet name forever. I can't praise Him enough for His goodness to me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost, and I want to know more of God, I am willing for Him to have His way with me.

I am thanking God for sending Brother Dollahite to this place. The God of heaven gave him the words to give out.

I ask the prayers of all the

who is going to be able to stand.

We find in 1 Tim. 5:13 Paul speaks of a set of people who learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and are not only idlers but tattlers also and busybodies speaking things they ought not. 2 Thes. 3: 11, 12, Paul speaks of a class of people, some of which are in the Church of God, working not at all, but are busybodies.

Another trouble is that some are of Paul and some are of Apollos. (Eph. 4:11-14.)

Telephone rings—Hello, sister so and so, have you heard sister so—and sister so and—Well I will tell you if you won't tell any one—All right I won't; tell it—and he or she will proceed to tell something may be they have heard and may be it is a lie. In this way they will help the devil scatter his "slop" and lies, and may be hurt some poor weak soul, when if we would go to one another and tell each other our faults all would be well. Brethren, these things ought not to be.

Read John 15:9-12. I can't believe that those who send out these things love me, yet we are in the ministry together preaching one heart and one soul. Brethren, these things ought not to be. They are hurtful.

—Love to all.

saints. Your sister,
Laura Nelson.

Graysville, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and all the Saints:

Greeting in Jesus' name.

I praise God for victory in my soul. The Lord is still blessing here and the devil doesn't like it. We had services at a brother's house and the house was rocked and I was warned of my house being rocked and at two o'clock next morning two rocks were thrown through my window, but praise God, I am not fearing what man can do.

One night wife and I went to meeting and when we returned home we found a bundle of withes on the porch and a pile of rocks with a note stating "we will try this next." Praise God I am not scared yet. I had just as soon die for Jesus in Graysville as anywhere. They have made greater threats than these but I am not on the road that fear travels. When these things come we can love the Lord and thank Him.

I ask all who read this to pray that I will do the will of my blessed Savior.

Yours in the battle,
W. H. Lively.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Ridgedale, Tenn.

To all the Saints Scattered Abroad:

This beautiful Sunday morning finds me saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Glory to Jesus. How I praise and adore His precious Name. I am so glad that I have passed from death unto life. Praise His dear Name. I am so glad I have gotten into a place where there is room. Hallelujah! My bed is long enough—I can stretch out on it; my cover is wide enough—I can wrap myself in it; all the darts the enemy may send will pass by. Glory, Glory, Glory. As long as we are out in the Ocean of God's love looking steadfastly to Jesus we have not time to hit and criticize our brothers and sisters.

We may well remember, "Keep thyself pure." O, if I can only look to Jesus, hold Him up, and never waver but keep in the center of His will. The enemy will have traps all along the way, the lions also are there, but praise God, we will keep our eyes on Jesus. He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us, and as we march steadily on we will find the lions all tied. Praise God. O that the world could understand the peace and happiness we enjoy! Glory. When the Bible is preached in its purity, hewing to the plumbline, cutting off everything that the Bible crosses, let us measure by the Word, and when it plainly gives us a command let us obey as dear children and not have to be whipped into obedience, but when we get the light gladly walk in it.

Jesus surely knows all things. Dear ones, you who are halting between two opinions, lay down all prejudice and self-will and say, "Lord, help Me to do Thy will." Look at Jesus; doesn't He look more lovely, more peace in Him than all the world beside? When we sought the pleasure of the world we were never satisfied: after we had retired at night many times we would think, "Should Jesus come before morning what would it mean to me to stand in His presence with sin?" Then it comes to me that He doesn't look on sin with the least degree of allowance. A life free from sin is all He will accept. Can you who are in sin see Jesus' mercy still extended, still saying, "Come"? But dear ones, I am persuaded that God is going to cease calling you who have rejected so many opportunities, trampled His blood under foot and counted the blood of the covenant an unholy thing. Still in your

heart you are saying, 'I have time yet'; but I warn you in the presence of my Father that when He steps down on the clouds coming earthward after those who have made themselves ready, washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb—He comes to gather up His own, it will then be too late. The power that you see in the bodies of the saints will be the same that Jesus has, and as a needle is drawn to a magnet so we will be drawn to Christ. But O, if we don't have the power and have weights I fear we won't rise with Him. Let us break loose and count not our own lives dear. It will be too late some day. Jesus said they would cry but He would not hear; He will laugh when their fear comes upon them. Dear ones who are in sin, don't delay; seek God e'er His precious face be forever turned.

O how glad I am that Jesus found me and gave me an inheritance among them who are sanctified. I have a right to praise Jesus though I am weak and little. Glory to Jesus, our Captain never lost a battle. Hallelujah! Victory is just ahead. We will keep low and humble so God will impart the gifts to the church. I praise Him for healing power. I was a victim of tuberculosis, rapidly declining, all who saw me seemed fearful. Although I had the Holy Ghost this was upon me. I felt that all was well to cross over. Praise God. But I wanted to care for my little children and companion if it were God's will. A special prayer was called at mother Pettitt's. Husband took me over there. Brother and Sister Scott and a few others surely prayed the prayer of faith and Jesus turned His face toward me. I was instantly healed. Glory to God. One arm that was almost paralyzed, that I could scarcely raise above my head, by the mighty power of God was raised to its height and I praise Him. Glory, glory, glory. So the trying of our faith is more precious than gold.

Look up, lift up, for our redemption draweth nigh. Keep humble and in the center of His will and He will surely bring you out victorious.

Love to all.

Your little sister,
Mrs. Ada Pettitt.

Gore, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I am praising God this morning for saving and starting me in this way. I am glad that God can save people from sin and also heal

their bodies if they will trust Him for He has power over all things.

Please pray for us at this place for there are only a few here and we have not had a preacher for some time, but brother Looney has moved here and we want him to preach for us if a church could be set in order at this place this year.

Your brother in Christ,
Ambers Johnson.

Johnson City, Tenn.

To the Church of God at Cleveland, Tenn.:

It has been my custom for many years to write to some special friend on the first day of each year, and as I have many special friends at Cleveland. I take pleasure in addressing this letter to His body at this place.

Some love to speak of their birth place and days of childhood, frolic and fun, others of their social life, school days and courtships, others of their marriage, the place and how ones affections can be so centered upon another as they twain do become one.

I would that all men could see the marriage to another "even to Him who rose from the dead." (Rom. 7:4.)

I love to think of the time and place where I was washed in regeneration (Titus 3:5), and also where the Holy Ghost was renewed in sanctification (Titus 3:5). I also received special anointing in answer to prayer and fasting (Luke 4:18) that was to me as a twin brother to the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

But when I stood with the body at Cleveland and heard the voice of the Bridegroom (St. John 3:29) I was convinced that sanctification was not the consummation of Christian religion and I felt my need of higher heights and deeper depths, and I was soon earnestly seeking the baptism of which I had heard so often testified of having; not being able to distinguish the cleansing from the Holy Ghost the new man, in a private home in this city I was given the assurance in answer to prayer that I would receive the Holy Ghost as my tongue went away in praises to God until the family was woke up and a servant girl convicted.

It was in this city, January 12, 1913, that I was caught up to the third heaven and heard things new. I could then see that the kingdom of God was like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, so since January 12, 1913, I have been preaching on the third pome.

I once knew a man who would go to the spot where he was saved and stamp his feet and shout, so year after year we will return to our mother church that we may rejoice over whatever blessing we have received there, and to stand and rejoice greatly when we hear Him testify when He comes to others in the same way He has to many others in Cleveland, Tenn. St. John 3:29, 15:26.

Your brother in the body,
W. G. Anderson.

Loyce, Fla.

A. J. Tomlinson:

I have handed out the papers which you sent me but did not get any subscribers, for the people here think so little of the pentecostal people. I am not one of them nor any other denomination but I like the pentecostal way of getting converted. They seem to work so hard for any one who tries to get saved.

I have read the testament through and watched for my self to see how many books had the baptism of the Holy Ghost in them and I found sixteen, and in how many chapters it was found, and I found fifty-four. I found those words printed eighty-six times in the Testament, and I can name the book, chapter and verse.

I believe in reading the Bible and see for ourselves and to find out our Bible plains.

I wrote these words to let you know that I am studying for myself not for denominations to see which one is the best and safest way for getting to heaven.

Yours truly,
J. W. McNatt.

Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Greetings:

I am praising God for the way He is blessing the people here. We have been having meeting every night for a while. The Lord is blessing and healing. People would come from quite a distance.

I noticed in the paper that every one of God's children has the privilege of helping in that building. Some here are ready to send, and we will all send together later on.

I am here working in the mountains among the poor and any one wishing to write me I will be glad to hear from you for a word of encouragement helps a good deal sometimes.

Pray for me and the work here.

Your brother in Christ,
R.D.3. W. M. Coleman.

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